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JAPANESE ACTOR TOSHIRO MIFUNE REMEMBERED IN CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART FILM SERIES

(Cleveland, OH) In memory of Toshiro Mifune, the great Japanese actor who died in December, the Cleveland Museum of Art presents three acclaimed films that represent the major facets of his distinguished career—as samurai-movie action hero (*Rebellion,* Friday, April 3), as superb dramatic actor famous for his collaborations with the legendary director Akira Kurosawa (*Drunken Angel,* Friday the 10th), and as international film star (*Hell in the Pacific,* Friday the 17th). Says CMA film program coordinator John Ewing: "Toshiro Mifune was a pillar of strength within the Japanese cinema during the last 50 years, and internationally he is by far the best known actor from the country. What we offer here are not his most famous films, but three gems that are less frequently seen." Each film $6, CMA members $3.

Rebellion
Friday, April 3, 7:00
(Japan, 1967, b&w, subtitles, 35mm, 121 min.) Directed by Masaki Kobayashi, with Toshiro Mifune, Takeshi Kato, and Tatsuya Nakadai. A family man defies the shogunate in this 18th-century drama that concludes with what is perhaps Mifune's greatest screen swordfight. Scope print!

Drunken Angel
Friday, April 10, 7:00
(Japan, 1948, b&w, subtitles, 16mm, 102 min.) Directed by Akira Kurosawa, with Toshiro Mifune and Takashi Shimura. In the first of many memorable roles for the great Akira Kurosawa, Mifune plays a tubercular young gangster who is rehabilitated by a saintly slum doctor.

Hell in the Pacific
Friday, April 17, 7:00
(USA, 1968, color, subtitles, 35mm, 103 min.) Directed by John Boorman, with Lee Marvin and Toshiro Mifune. Offbeat WWII movie about a U.S. pilot and a Japanese naval officer stranded together on a desert island. From the director of *Deliverance* and *Zardoz.* Scope print!

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